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Mr. Lewis was discussing socialized medicine and continued in that vein with discussion of the Fletcher Bartholomew case.

On the mental health question, the infamous Fletcher Bartholomew case, which I reported to you, involving Radio Free Europe's balloon operations in Munich and the enforced incarceration of one of its meteorologists there because of an unfavorable report he had made about some of his superiors suggests that an investigation in the whole field of mental health healing, not just legislation, would be well in order. I make that point because the Fletcher Bartholomew case was entirely in violation of law and army regulations even though the State Department is trying to suggest that this was perfectly normal procedure on the part of the consul general in Munich to call the army in and have the army violate its own regulations in order to place Bartholomew in confinement on the hearsay reports of the Free Europe people or their friends who were named in his report.

I am informed by expert international lawyers that this is manifestly untrue--the State Department's statement--because regardless of army regulations it is a matter of international law. And our agreements with the German Government are that all American nationals on German soil, except for diplomatic and armed services personnel, are subject to German law and German law only and that Bartholomew, of course, was not in either of these categories. The German law did not permit his incarceration under the circumstances that prevailed at the time--thus the whole Bartholomew case was a clear violation of law. I shall go into this State Department document with you later in more detail.